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SUBJ: GOI APPOINTS TWO NEW AMBASSADORS

1. THE SHAH ON JULY 2 RECEIVED FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY WHO THEREUPON PRESENTED TO H.I.M. NEWLY-APPOINTED GOI AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, NASSER MAJD-ARDAKANI, AND NEW GOI AMBASSADOR TO NORTH YEMEN, AMIRUDDIN EFTEKHAR. THESE ARE THE FIRST TWO OF WHAT IS RUMORED TO BE A SERIES OF MFA PERSONNEL CHANGES BOTH HOME AND ABROAD.

2. MAJD-ARDAKANI, 49, IS A CAREER OFFICIAL WHO JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1949 AND ENTERED DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1955. MAJD HAS A LAW DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN AND IS KNOWN AS A SPECIALIST IN ASIAN AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS. HE HAS SERVED ABROAD AT TUNIS, LONDON AND WASHINGTON AND BEFORE HIS RECENT PROMOTION MADJ WAS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PERSIAN GULF COUNCIL (PGC). HIS APPOINTMENT TO JAPAN APPEARS TO STEM FROM FAMILY CONNECTIONS AS MUCH AS FROM HIS DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE. HIS WIFE, THE SISTER OF MFA UNDERSECRETARY NASSIR ASSAR, HAS BEEN LIVING DURING THE PAST YEAR WITH THEIR CHILDREN IN LONDON. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MADJ DID NOT HAVE A PARTICULARLY SMOOTH
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WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI WHILE IN WASHINGTON AS MINISTER-COUNSELOR. WHEN HE RETURNED TO MFA HE WAS WITHOUT AN ONWARD ASSIGNMENT UNTIL TAKING THE RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT PGC JOB.

3. WE HAVE FOUND MADJ, WHILE FRIENDLY, TO BE QUITE PROTOCOL-CONSCIOUS AND RATHER INCLINED TO TAKE OFFENSE

AT REAL OR IMAGINED SLIGHTS TO HIMSELF OR TO IRAN. HE HAS NOT IMPRESSED EMBOFFS AS BEING PARTICULARLY BRIGHT BUT RATHER TENDS TO FOCUS ON DETAILS WITHOUT MUCH PERSPECTIVE AS TO THEIR IMPACT ON LARGER CONCERNS.

4. EFTEKHAR, 60, IS ALSO A CAREER DIPLOMAT WITH A LAW DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN. HE HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS MFA DEPARTMENTS: PROTOCOL, WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND PASSPORTS. ABROAD HE HAS SERVED AT BAGHDAD AND MADRID. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

5. IN A RELATED, INFELICITOUS DEVELOPMENT, EFTEKHAR'S PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR HASSAN SABETI, 66, DIED JULY 1 OF AN APPARENT HEART ATTACK IN NORTH YEMEN. HE HAD BEEN POSTED TO SANAA FOR OVER THREE YEARS AND WAS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO TEHRAN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
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